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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SPRING TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery:

The spring troll areas and Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) listed below **will remain open until further notice:**

Ketchikan (101-29)	West Behm Canal (101-90)	Neets Bay THA (101-95)
Clarence Strait (106-20)	Steamer Point (106-30)	Ernest Sound (107-10)
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	Port Armstrong THA (109-11)	Frederick Sound (110-31)
Chatham Strait (112-12)	Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	Sitka Sound (113-41)

The spring troll areas listed below will be open according to the following schedule. All areas will open at 12:01 a.m. of the opening date and close at 11:59 p.m. of the closing date. The openings may be extended if Alaska hatchery contributions are high and would be announced in a future news release. **Coho salmon retention is not allowed until June 15.**

Ketchikan Areas:

West Rock (101-21)	June 11-13
Point Alava (101-41)	June 14-16
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	June 13-16

Petersburg/Wrangell areas:

Sumner Strait (105-41)	June 10-12
Snow Pass (106-41)	June 13-15
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	June 11-13
Baht Harbor (108-30)	June 11
Craig Point (108-40)	CLOSED

Chatham Strait areas:

Little Port Walter (109-10)	June 13-15
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)	June 11-13

Sitka area:

Western Channel (113-01)	June 11-14
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	June 11-12
Biorka Island (113-31)	June 11
Goddard (113-32)	June 11-14
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 11-13

North Chatham Strait, Icy Strait, and Pelican areas:

Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	June 11-15
Port Althorp (114-50)	June 11-15

The following areas will open June 10-16:

Hawk Inlet (112-65)	Stag Bay (113-97)	Cross Sound (114-21)
South Passage (114-23)	Homeshore (114-25)	Point Sophia (114-27)

CHUM AND CHINOOK SALMON CATCH REPORTING

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. In order to maximize and document the harvest of Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook and chum salmon in the spring fisheries, catches must be reported accurately. If more than one area or fishery is fished, or fish are kept for more than one period, **trollers and tender operators are required to keep fish separated by area until offloaded to a shore-based processor, and report these catches separately on separate fish tickets (5AAC 29.130)**. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets, as well as dates that the fishing trip started and ended.

The department requests that FAS (Frozen At Sea) vessels deliver all Chinook salmon to tenders or shore-based processors in head-on, fresh/iced condition, unless an exemption permit has been issued for that area.

All fish legally retained in the commercial salmon troll fishery, whether for sale or retained for **personal use** (condition code 95) **must be recorded on a fish ticket**. Coho salmon may not be retained until June 15, unless an earlier date is announced in a future news release. That date is one of several pending regulation changes adopted at the 2012 Board of Fisheries meeting.

AREA DESCRIPTION CLARIFICATIONS:

Biorka Island (Fishery area 113-31): In waters of Sitka Sound south and east of a line from the northernmost tip of Hanus Point (56°51.81' N. lat, 135°30.40' W. long) to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island (56°53.72' N. lat, 135°26.83' W. long), south and west of a line from the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.72' N. lat, 135°23.21' W. long, to the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the northernmost point on Legma Island to the southernmost point on Legma Island, and north and east of a line from the southernmost point on Legma Island to the southernmost point on Liesnoi Island to Point Woodhouse.

Goddard Area (Fishery area 113-32): In waters enclosed by a line Baranof Island at 56°51.72' N. lat, 135°23.21' W. long, to the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the northernmost point on Legma Island to the northernmost tip of Elovai Island, and north and west of a line from 56°49.47' N. lat, 135°23.05' W. long, to a point on Baranof Island at 56°49.63' N. lat, 135°22.51' W. long.

DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA (113-38):

Beginning May 27, the waters of Deep Inlet THA will be managed on a rotational gear fishing schedule. From May 27 through June 16, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75' W. long, are included in the Sitka Sound spring troll area. Beginning June 17, all waters within the Deep Inlet THA boundaries will be excluded from the Sitka Sound spring troll area. A description of THA boundaries and fishing schedules can be found in the Deep Inlet news release issued April 18.

FREDERICK SOUND AREA (110-31):

Beginning June 1, the Frederick Sound area will be extended to include those waters of District 10 that are north and west of a line from Wood Point (56°59.75' N. lat., 132°56.95' W. long.) to Beacon Point, excluding waters of Farragut Bay north and east of a line from Bay Point to Grand Point and also excluding those waters of Thomas Bay that are north and east of a line from Point Vandeput (57°01.25' N. lat., 133°00.00' W. long.) to Wood Point.

NEW REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES:

During the Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting held in Ketchikan from February 24–March 4, new regulations were adopted that relate to the 2012 spring troll fisheries. *These new regulations are not expected to take effect until late June.*

CODED-WIRE-TAGGED FISH

The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold [5 AAC 29.140 (b)]. Permit holders who freeze their catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. An Exemption Permit is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery.

2012 Spring and Directed Troll Preliminary Chinook Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	Current Week (sw 23)		Cumulative	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
West Rock (101-21)	*	*	3	5
Ketchikan (101-29)	17	123	89	610
Point Alava (101-41)			*	*
West Behm Canal (101-90)	*	*	*	*
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	5	112	20	294
Sumner Strait (105-41)	5	11	46	240
Clarence Strait (106-20)			*	*
Steamer Point (106-30)			4	43
Snow Pass (106-41)			*	*
Ernest Sound (107-10)	5	81	19	260
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	21	159	27	188
Baht Harbor (108-30)	3	22	6	26
Craig Point (108-40)	*	*	*	*
District 8 (Directed Fishery)			68	237
Little Port Walter (109-10)**			55	567
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)**	24	633	141	2,223
Frederick Sound (110-31)	5	14	20	140
District 11 (Directed Fishery)			*	*
Chatham Strait (112-12)**	5	26	72	753
Hawk Inlet (112-65)			*	*
Western Channel (113-01)	26	167	49	320
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	9	59	73	534
Biorka Island (113-31)	32	314	73	964
Goddard (113-32)	6	42	7	43
Sitka Sound (113-41)	43	276	214	1,630
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	*	*	24	141
Lisianski Inlet (113-95)			9	33
Stag Bay (113-97)			5	34
Cross Sound (114-21)			6	59
South Passage (114-23)			6	19
Homesore (114-25)			16	66
Point Sophia (114-27)			13	19
Port Althorp (114-50)			18	105
Totals for Region	212	2,058	1,097	9,638
*Data is confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported				
**Weekly landing and harvest data delayed, tender deliveries still pending.				

The **2012 Spring Troll Management Plan, which includes maps** of the spring areas, is available at all regional ADF&G offices and is on the troll fishery website at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The emergency orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S2012.

The troll fishery website can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon>.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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